

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

March 2008



CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

It's the start of a new year and we're looking forward to continued progress for Burien and some important events coming up in 2008.

TOWN SQUARE

It's very exciting to see the first building rise from the ground at Town Square, and we expect to see the residential/retail building welcome its first tenants later this year. We're eagerly anticipating work to begin on the City Hall/King County Regional Library this spring. Work will also begin in 2008 on the park and public plaza, and on the roads and other infrastructure that will serve Town Square.

NERA

We hope to take steps this year toward the redevelopment of about 160 acres of land in northeast Burien that will experience impacts from the third runway at Sea-Tac Airport. The Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) currently contains a mix of single family homes, apartments, small commercial establishments, a church/school and mental health center. The Council sees this effort as a unique opportunity to enable much of the NERA to experience economic revitalization. We envision the eventual development of a variety of attractive commercial enterprises, including retail, business park, warehouse, manufacturing and airport-related uses, all of which would help the entire community by providing jobs and increasing the City's tax base.

1st AVENUE SOUTH

A big event for the City in 2008 will be the completion of the first phase of the 1st Avenue South improvement project. We have all had to practice patience while trying to negotiate past the construction vehicles

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Burien's 15-Year Birthday Bash

Celebrate with us the 15-year anniversary of Burien becoming a City!

Saturday, March 29 Noon - 4 p.m.
Highline High School Cafeteria
225 S 152nd St.

MUSIC & DANCE

- ◆ Danza de los Viejitos - Festive Latino clog dancers adorned with masks and costumes
- ◆ Hi Liners Youth Musical Theater
- ◆ New City Dance Company
- ◆ YouthSounds NW Choral Group
- ◆ Mexican American Assn. of Baile Folklorico

FOOD & FUN

- ◆ Birthday cake & punch
- ◆ Design your own party hats, crowns, vests, or capes
- ◆ Make piñatas and paper flowers
- ◆ Carnival games, kids' inflatable & food booths

Free Birthday T-shirts to First 100 Kids!



Check out the Birthday Bus on display at corner of Ambaum & 152nd on Friday night, March 28, and at the Birthday Bash on Saturday, March 29.

Annual City of Burien Awards Night

Friday, March 28 6 p.m.



Karuna Arts Yoga Studio
819 SW 152nd St. in Old Burien
Tickets: \$25 per person



Enjoy a festive community evening honoring citizens who've made significant contributions to the City during the last year. Also featuring Discover Burien dinner/silent auction.

Call (206) 433-2883, visit Discoverburien.com, or purchase tickets at City Hall

Annual Community Clean-up is Saturday, April 26

Burien's annual spring clean-up, Burien Clean Sweep, is planned for Saturday, April 26. Individuals, families and other groups are encouraged to take part in this effort to improve the appearance of the community by picking up trash and other debris along streets, sidewalks and parks.

This year's theme is "Clean and Green". Trash collected will be recycled, and recycling bins will be in the municipal parking lot on SW 151st Street for public use.

The day starts at 8 a.m. at the Burien Fire Station, 15100 8th Ave. S.W., where participants are assigned an area where they can pick up litter, sweep, pull weeds and plant flowers.

At noon participants return to the fire station where they are treated to a hamburger lunch, courtesy of Burien merchants, and a special drawing for prizes.

Participants should bring their own tools, gloves and, if needed, rain gear. For information or to sign up a group, contact Discover Burien at (206) 433-2882.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL	241-4647
E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov	
Website www.burienwa.gov	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	248-5510
BUILDING DIVISION	248-5520
CITY ATTORNEY	248-5531
CITY COUNCIL	
Joan McGilton, Mayor	244-5168
Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor	248-3965
Sue Blazak, Councilmember	246-6129
Kathy Keene, Councilmember	243-8196
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember ..	242-8378
Sally Nelson, Councilmember	243-8030
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember	244-2457
CITY JOB LINE	248-5534
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	248-5508
CODE ENFORCEMENT	248-5507
FINANCE	241-4647
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire District #2	242-2040
North Highline F.D.	243-0330
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	248-5504
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	
425 SW 144 th Street	988-3700
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Burien Precinct #4	
14905 6 th SW	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	296-8100
SENIOR PROGRAM	
425 SW 144 th Street	244-3686
OTHER NUMBERS	
Citizen Complaints	248-5530
Parking Complaints/	
Police Tip Hotline	205-0969
ANIMAL CONTROL	296-7387
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	575-1633
DISCOVER BURIEN ASSO.	433-2882
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149 th St.	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
LIBRARY	
14700 6 th SW	243-3490
SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline)	433-0111
SEWER	
SW Suburban Sewer Dist.	244-9575
Midway Sewer	824-4960
Valley View Sewer	242-3236
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	
151 SW 156 th Street	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20	243-3990
Water District #49	242-8535
Highline Water District	824-0375
Seattle Water	684-5900

Kathy Keene Joins City Council

Kathy Keene has begun her first term as a new member of the Council, elected to Position 6 in the November 2007 general election.

Keene has lived in the Burien area since 1987 and worked for Boeing for 17 years. In 2005 she left Boeing to pursue her long interest in designing and selling jewelry and to become involved in the community. In 1991 she ran for Commissioner at Water District 20, a position she still holds. In 2005, the Governor appointed her to serve on the Board of Public Works Trust Fund. She is currently treasurer at the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts.

Also sworn into office December 17 were incumbents Lucy Krakowiak and Gordon Shaw. Krakowiak was first elected to the Council in November 2003. Shaw also



Kathy Keene, right, is congratulated by District Court Judge Vicki Seitz after Keene took the oath of office.

was first elected in November 2003. Outgoing City Councilman Jack Block, Jr., was honored at a reception prior to the Council meeting on Dec. 17.

Councilmember Joan McGilton was elected by the Council to another two-year term as Mayor. She has served as Mayor since January 2006. Councilmember Rose Clark was elected to another term as Deputy Mayor.

Residents are Happy to Live in Burien, Survey Shows

The majority of you like living here and are satisfied with the job the City is doing for the community, according to a recent survey of Burien residents.

The primary objective of the survey was to measure residents' satisfaction with the City government and the perceived quality of life in Burien. The survey was conducted in December by a Portland market research firm hired by the City. Some 400 Burien residents were randomly selected and contacted by phone.

Here are some of the survey's key findings:

- Over three-quarters of residents rate their neighborhood as a "good" or "excellent" place to live.
- Three-quarters of residents believe the City is headed in the right direction.
- "Lack of economic growth" and "reducing crime" were most frequently mentioned as Burien's biggest challenges.
- Transportation-related issues are the most frequently suggested neighborhood improvements that residents would like to see.
- The geographic location of Burien is the most frequently mentioned for choosing to live in Burien.

- Two-thirds of residents are satisfied with the value they received from taxes.
- Three-quarters of residents are satisfied with the job the City is doing for the community.
- The majority of residents feel safe in Burien; 61% feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood after dark. 84% feel safe in downtown Burien.
- 60% feel there is a need for more sidewalks and bike paths in Burien.

The survey results will help the City Council and City staff prioritize projects and services to best serve the community.

"We're pleased that the community seems to support the City and the work we're doing to maintain and improve the quality of life here," said Mayor Joan McGilton. "While the survey results were highly gratifying, it also shows that we have some work to do in specific areas, such as improving the infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists, and doing better in the area of customer service."

Complete survey results can be viewed online at www.burienwa.gov.

Survey Measures Support for New Community Recreation Center

The City of Burien recently completed its design process for a new community recreation center, and the results of a survey about paying for it are now available. Approximately 6,000 households in the community received the survey.

The proposed new community recreation center would include a senior center, gymnasium, leisure pool, fitness facilities, banquet hall, preschool, teen room, meeting rooms and classrooms. The survey by the City examined how citizens felt about supporting such a bond measure to help finance construction of the facility.

The survey found that:

- 69 percent of respondents felt that the facility should be built all at once, rather than in phases.
- 61 percent of overall respondents said they would definitely or probably vote "yes."
- 70 percent of overall respondents were definitely or probably okay with the proposed user fee structure.

The City has been discussing and planning for the replacement of the existing community center for several years. The City Council awarded a contract to Opsis Architecture in June 2007 to complete a master plan. The outcomes of the design process, including public meetings, site plan, concept plans, construction options and cost estimates, business plan, and the results of the community survey were presented to the Council for the first time on February 4.

The proposed building would replace the existing Burien Community Center. Housed

in a 1940s-era elementary school, the Burien Community Center was formerly known as the Chelsea Elementary School, which closed in 1976. It was sold to King County in 1982 and operated as the Highline Community Center for several years until it was taken over by the City of Burien following incorporation. The facility is in poor condition and several studies have recommended replacing it.

The new facility would be approximately 66,000 square feet and is estimated to cost approximately \$35 million. This figure includes all costs associated with the project, such as site development, property acquisition, relocation and other related costs.

The City is considering placing a bond measure on the ballot in the fall of 2008. This would be the first voted bond measure ever put to the voters by the City of Burien. In addition to a construction bond, funding for the project could involve a variety of other resources, including banked property taxes that will go toward the senior program portion of the facility, capital improvement program funds, revenue bonds that are based on facility and user fees, and other forms of public and private resources.

If a resident does not have access to the Internet, they may request a paper version of the survey results by contacting the Parks Department at (206) 988-3700. Residents are invited to learn more about the proposed facility and view photos of the conceptual plans for the building by visiting the project website at www.burienparks.net.center.htm.



Construction workers enjoyed a clear, sunny day in January as they worked on a wall of Town Square's first building, a multi-story residential/retail complex on the southwest corner of the site.

Town Square Construction Update

The City Council on Feb. 5 awarded the bid for Town Square street improvements to DPK Inc. of Kent. DPK Inc. was the main contractor for the SW 152nd Street improvement project completed in 2003.

The project provides for improvement of streets in and adjacent to Town Square, including construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, pavement, lighting and traffic signal improvements. Work on the street will begin in March and take 14 months.

Construction of the Phase 1 residential/retail building continues on schedule. Construction of the Burien City Hall/King County Regional Library is expected to begin in March with completion in June 2009.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminar

March 25, 2008 8:30 a.m. -- 5 p.m.

March 26, 2008 9 a.m. -- 1 p.m.

Highline Community College
Outreach Center, 23835 Pacific Hwy S.

The program is an educational multi-regional seminar for apartment owners, managers and complex employees on how to spot and reduce potential crimes in your complex and how to eliminate problem tenants. For information contact Officer Roy Galusha, Burien Police Dept (206) 296-3370

Legislative Actions

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 476 Amending the Burien Comprehensive Plan, includes text amendments, Comprehensive Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments. 12/17/07

Ordinance 477 Setting 2008 Tax Levy Rate 11/26/07

Ordinance 479 Amending the Burien Zoning Code, Title 19 of the Burien Municipal Code 12/17/07

Ordinance 480 Adopting the 2008 Annual Budget of the City of Burien with Estimated Revenues and Appropriations. 11/26/07

Ordinance 481 Amending the 2007 Budget. 12/3/07

Ordinance 482 Establishing new B & O Tax. 11/26/07

Ordinance 483 Relating to Animal Control Enforcement (vicious animals). 12/17/07

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 270 Supporting Engrossed House Joint Resolution 4204, Proposed to the People by the Legislature, Amendment to the State Constitution, on School District Tax Levies (Simple Majority). 10/15/07

Resolution 271 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Dai Vu Subdivision. 11/5/07

Resolution 273 Repealing Resolution No. 133 and Establishing a Small Works Roster Process and Consulting Services Roster. 12/3/07

Residents Can Help Reduce Flooding

During the storm on December 3, Miller and Walker Creeks experienced high stream flows that required the closure of 175th Place SW and flooded several homes. Other parts of the city experienced flooding of streets as storm drains became overwhelmed with the 3½ inches of rain that fell in less than 24 hours.

While some flooding and erosion during extreme storms is probably unavoidable, there are short-term and long-term solutions that can help reduce the risk to your property.

In the short term:

- Use a rake to completely remove leaves and debris from storm drains. Place the leaves in your yardwaste cart to be turned into compost.
- Avoid putting grass clippings, leaves or other debris into drains, ditches, creeks, culverts, or ravines.
- Check your home's drainage system. Maintaining the drainage system on private property is the owner's responsibility.
- Make sure your home drainage system directs water away from your foundation and not to your neighbor's property. Never discharge water over the side of a steep hill.
- Clean your gutters and downspouts. Check your gutters once a week during fall and winter. Just one windstorm or heavy rain can clog a well-flowing drainage system.

In the long term, the more you can slow down stormwater and infiltrate it into the soil, the less water will enter our drainage system and the creeks when it rains. Some things you can do include:

- Maintain healthy native vegetation and well-draining soils on your property.
- Plant a rain garden fed by stormwater from your roof. An easy-to-use manual on rain gardens for our region is available at: www.pierce.wsu.edu/Water_Quality/LID/Raingardenhandbook.pdf
- Install a rain barrel to capture roof runoff for use in your yard and garden.
- Use porous pavers for patios and driveways.

For more information, contact Miller/Walker Creek Basin Steward Dennis Clark at (206) 296-1909 or dennis.clark@kingcounty.gov.

Enlarged Drainage Pond Put to Test in December Storm

The new enlarged Ambaum Drainage Pond passed its first big test during the storm that hit the region in early December. The pond's storage capacity was increased from 2 acre feet to 9 acre feet in a project that was completed in September 2007. There was significantly less flooding in the downtown area due in large part to the new drainage infrastructure and increased pond capacity. The storm water project is part of 1st Avenue South improvements.



The Ambaum Drainage Pond is just south of Burien Nissan on 1st Avenue South.

New Stormwater Management Program

The Public Works Department will be working on a new, complete and comprehensive Stormwater Management Program over the next four years, and is inviting your comments and suggestions as it takes shape. The new program is required to comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, which became effective in February 2007. The permit requires the comprehensive program be

implemented in phases, and be completed prior to August 2011.

The permit itself is available online at the City website (follow links to the Public Works page), and the preliminary draft City program will also be available for comment in late March. Citizen comments and suggestions on the plan (including how the public may participate), are encouraged and can be made via an E-mail link on the City Public Works website: www.burienwa.gov/publicworks/pubworks.htm.

Work to Begin on Ambaum Corridor Project

Bids were opened for the Ambaum Boulevard Corridor project in late January and the project was awarded to Johansen Excavating Inc. Construction should begin in early March 2008 and last approximately four months.

The corridor is the portion of Ambaum Boulevard between Southwest 153rd and Des

Moines Memorial Drive. The project will change the corridor to provide a continuous left-turn lane, two travel lanes and bicycle lanes, as well as repair sidewalks and complete several missing links. Additional street lighting will also be installed.

1st Avenue South

The 1st Avenue South Improvement Project is on schedule for a mid-summer completion. The contractor currently is working on sidewalks and traffic signals.

Miller/Walker Creek Stewardship Web Page

Interested in streams and fish in our city? Eager to find out what you can do to improve stormwater quality and have a natural, healthy yard? Want to volunteer to help restore Miller and Walker Creeks? A new website focuses on our local creeks and how you can help care for them. See the website at:

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/watersheds/puget/miller/volunteer.htm>

Major Building Permits Issued

Project	Description	Valuation
Munro Manor 630 S. 152nd St.	Remodel existing apartment building	\$750,000
Highline Medical Center 16251 Sylvester	Tenant Improvement	\$400,000
Burien Town Square 15100 6th Ave. S	Mechanical Permit	\$572,000

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

MARCH 2008

Asegure que su hijo se lo pase de maravilla este verano

Ahora es el momento de reservar un espacio para su hijo en el popular *Campamento Craz* o el programa para adolescentes *Summer Teen Scene*. Las sesiones semanales empiezan la semana del 23 de junio y siguen hasta el 29 de agosto. El horario es de las 9 de la mañana a las 6 de la noche, y se ofrece cuidado temprano a partir de las 6:30 de la mañana. El *Campamento Craz* es el único programa que ofrece a las familias las opciones de inscribirse para dos, tres, o cinco días por semana. La inscripción se abre a fines de marzo. Para más información, marque el (206) 988-3700, o visite burienparks.net.

Siguen las obras de construcción de la plaza *Town Square*

El 5 de febrero, el Concejo Municipal concedió un contrato a la DPK Inc., con sede en Kent, para realizar las mejoras a las calles de la plaza *Town Square*. La DPK Inc. fue el contratista principal en el proyecto de la SW 152nd Street, llevado a cabo en 2003. El proyecto incluye mejoras a las calles en el *Town Square* y adyacentes a él, incluyendo la construcción de bordillos, canaletas, aceras, pavimento, iluminación, señalización de tráfico, irrigación, y paisajismo, como también mejoras al drenaje, sistema de agua, y servicios públicos.

Ley de correas en Burien

Se recuerda a los dueños de animales que la ciudad entera es una "zona de control de perros", y que se prohíbe que los perros anden sueltos sin correa en cualquier parte de la zona. Los que quebranten esta norma se pueden enfrentar a penalidades hasta \$250 y/o hasta 90 días en la cárcel.

Reventón de 15 años de Burien

¡Celebre el aniversario 15 de la Ciudad de Burien!

Sábado, 29 de marzo, del mediodía a las 4 de la tarde
Comedor de la preparatoria Highline 225 S 152nd St.



ENTRETENIMIENTO

- ◆ Presentaciones de música y danza
- ◆ Danza de los Viejitos – Alegres danzantes latinos con zuecos, máscaras y disfraces
- ◆ Teatro musical de la juventud *Hi Liners*
- ◆ Cuerpo de baile *New City*
- ◆ Coro *YouthSounds NW*

MERIENDAS Y DIVERSIÓN

- ◆ Pastel y ponche de cumpleaños
- ◆ Quioscos con información y comida
- ◆ Crea tus propios diseños para sombreros, coronas, chalecos, y capas
- ◆ Haz piñatas y flores de papel
- ◆ Juegos electrónicos y juego inflable para los niños

Entrega de premios anual de Burien

Viernes, 28 de marzo 6 de la noche



Estudio de yoga Karuna Arts
819 SW 152nd St., Viejo Burien
Entrada: \$25 por persona



Disfrute de una grata tarde en que se reconocerá a los ciudadanos que han hecho aportes importantes a la ciudad en el último año. Con cena y subasta en silencio de Discover Burien. Llame al 206-433-2883, visite Discoverburien.com, o compre entradas en la Alcaldía.

Proyecto de limpieza *Burien Clean Sweep*

El proyecto de limpieza anual de Burien, *Burien Clean Sweep*, está previsto para el sábado 26 de abril. Se invita a los individuos, familias, y grupos para que participen en este esfuerzo de mejorar el aspecto de nuestra comunidad recogiendo basura y escombros por las calles, aceras, y parques del centro.

La cita es a las 8 de la mañana en la Estación de Bomberos de Burien en el 15100 8th Ave SW, donde a cada participante se le asignará una zona donde recoger basura y barrer.

Al mediodía, los participantes regresarán a la Estación de Bomberos para hamburguesas, cortesía de las empresas de Burien, y un



Voluntarios recogen basura por la 1st Avenue South en un evento del Burien Clean Sweep.

sorteo especial para regalar premios.

Los participantes deben traer sus propias herramientas y guantes, como también ropa para la lluvia si hace falta. Para más información o para inscribir un grupo, llame a *Discover Burien* al (206) 433-2882.

Las obras en los parques se aproximan a su fin

Parque Seahurst: Se están completando las últimas fases del proyecto del dique marítimo en la parte sur del Parque Seahurst. Las obras incluyen el reemplazo del viejo baño, la instalación de senderos y plazas de estacionamiento para discapacitados, la extensión del sendero al sur, la finalización del sendero existente, la instalación de tres escaleras a la playa, el reemplazo de las mesas,

bancos, y parrillas de picnic que han sido eliminados, y la renovación del cobertizo de picnic y del puente.

Parque Jacob Ambaum: Se está finalizando la construcción en el parque Jacob Ambaum en el Ambaum Boulevard y SW 128th St. El proyecto incluye un nuevo baño, juguete para los niños, e iluminación para las canchas de básquetbol.

Save This List: Disasters DO Happen

Record rainfall and a windstorm in early December caused flooding, slides and power outages in the Burien area. Some residents in the Shorewood area had to be evacuated from their homes. Natural or manmade disasters can happen anytime and people should be prepared to be without power and other services for at least three days. Save this list of emergency contacts:

- 3 Days 3 Ways Website
www.govlink.org/3days3ways/
- King County Office of Emergency Management
www.metrokc.gov/prepare/
- American Red Cross
www.redcross.org/
- Public Health - Seattle and King County
www.metrokc.gov/health/
- Washington State Preparedness Campaign
www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_index.shtml
- How to Prepare for Winter Emergencies
www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_campaign.shtml
- Home Retrofit Resources
www.seattle.gov/emergency/info/retrofit.htm
- Project Impact Home Retrofitting Program

Emergency Phone Numbers

- Police Emergency Dial 9-1-1
- Police NON-Emergency
Burien Police Department
(206) 296-3311
- Burien-Normandy Park Fire Department
(206) 242-2040

Flooding, landslides, trees over roads

Burien Public Works Dept.
(206) 248-5521 (M-F 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.)
(206) 296-8100 after hours

Burien City Hall: (206) 241-4647

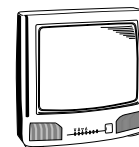
Weather forecast

www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew

Internet users can now go to www.burienwa.gov/news/emergency.htm for emergency preparedness information. In the event of a major emergency in Burien this web page will be updated frequently and be easy to find from the homepage: <http://www.burienwa.gov>.

LEASH LAW: Pet owners are reminded that the entire City is a "dog control zone" and it is unlawful for owners to allow their dogs to wander free and without restraint within the zone. Owners in violation can be fined up to \$250 and/or be sentenced to up to 90 days in jail.

Digital TV on Its Way – Prepare for the Switch



On February 17, 2009, television will undergo the biggest change since color was introduced in the 1950s. That's the date on which analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. Currently, most stations are broadcasting in two formats - digital and analog.

Those of us with digital television sets are already enjoying the benefits of DTV. Those with the older analog sets are still getting programming as we always have. But that will change on February 17, 2009, when full-power stations will stop broadcasting in analog. After that date, they will only broadcast in digital, so you will have to make some changes if you watch free over-the-air TV broadcasts on an analog TV with an antenna.

That doesn't mean you need to get a new television set. Buying a digital TV is just one option. There are low-cost converter boxes to change the digital signal to one that your current analog set can receive.

To help defray the cost of the converter boxes, each U.S. household can request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of eligible boxes. This coupon program is being administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). For more information on the coupon program visit www.dtv2009.gov, call 1-888-DTV-2009

or come to Burien City Hall at 15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Ste C.

If you currently receive your programming through a satellite or cable provider, ask your provider what equipment you will need, if any, to continue receiving your signals through the transition. For more information on the digital television transition, go to www.dtv.gov, or call 1-888-CALL-FCC.

If you watch over-the-air programming on a DTV (a TV with a built-in digital tuner), you will not need a digital-to-analog converter box. Also, an antenna you use to receive analog broadcasts should work for receiving digital broadcasts, both on a DTV and on an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box.

If you subscribe to a paid television service, such as cable or satellite TV, you will not need a digital-to-analog converter box, and the TVs connected to your paid service will continue to receive local broadcast programming. However, consumers are advised to check with their providers to see if they will need any additional equipment in the future.

For more information, call the FCC at 1-888-225-5322 (TTY: 1-888-835-5322) or visit their DTV website at www.dtv.gov.

Beach Naturalists Needed

Care about beaches? Good with people? Sign up to be a volunteer beach naturalist at a Seattle-area beach this summer. Naturalists will receive training from marine and interpretative experts and then spend three summer weekend days educating visitors about beach ecology and beach etiquette at Constellation Park (Alki), Lincoln Park, Golden

Gardens, Carkeek Park, Seahurst Park, Des Moines Beach Park, Richmond Beach and new this year, the Olympic Sculptural Park. An orientation session for the program will be held Tuesday evening, April 15, 6:30 -8 p.m., at the Seattle Aquarium. To sign up or get more information, please call Charlotte Spang at (206) 245-0143 or email: beachnaturalist@seattle.gov.

Code Enforcement

Where and what vehicles can I park on my residential property?

1. Vehicle must be fully operable, on property and be in complete repair and parked on an approved surface. Grass is not an approved parking surface.

2. Inoperable vehicles must be screened from public view or removed from the property.

3. Incidental vehicle repair is allowed on private property.

Spring Community Events

Annual Plant sale: Bloomin' Burien Plant Sale is on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The sidewalks along SW 152nd Street between Ambaum Boulevard Southwest and 10th Avenue SW in Old Burien will bloom with foliage of every sort, and feature garden art and more.

Spring art stroll; Experience art, food, wine and literature during Discover Burien's third annual Spring Stroll Art Walk on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stops along Southwest 152nd and 153rd streets in downtown Burien will be marked with balloons.



Burien Farmers Market

Farmers market; The Burien Farmers Market opens May 8 with an abundance of fresh produce, local flowers and hand-made crafts. The site in downtown Burien is to be determined. Hours are Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 4.

For information on Discover Burien events, call (206) 433-2882 or go online to www.discoverburien.com

Park Facilities Available for Rentals

Planning a family gathering, team awards party, birthday, picnic, or other social gathering? Your City's park facilities offer the following amenities at affordable prices:



Seahurst Park Picnic Shelter

Seahurst Park Picnic Shelters

SW 140th St & 16th St SW

Information (206) 988-3700 or visit burienparks.net

Enjoy your event at one of the most beautiful spots on Puget Sound! Seahurst Park is located on the beach with a spectacular view of the Olympic Mountains.

North Shelter available for all-day rental. (South Shelter closed until August 1).

Fees: Weekends (Saturday & Sunday) \$55; Weekdays \$45

Burien Community Center

425 SW 144th Street

Information (206) 988-3700 or visit burienparks.net

NEWLY Remodeled Conference Room

Capacity: 100 standing or 60 seated.

Classrooms & studios capacity: 35

Auditorium capacity: 175 standing or 100

Park Projects Near Completion

Seahurst Park: A final phases of the south seawall project are being completed at Seahurst Park. This includes replacing the old restroom, providing ADA pathways and parking, extending the trail to the south, finishing the existing trail, installing three stair connections to the beach, replacing picnic tables, benches and barbecues that were removed, and renovating the picnic shelter and bridge. The restroom

should be completed by mid-May and the south shoreline should be completed by August 1.

Jacob Ambaum Park: Final phases of construction are taking place on Jacob Ambaum Park at Ambaum Boulevard and SW 128th Street. The project includes a new restroom, play toy, and lighting for the basketball courts. The park is named after one of Burien's original founders.

Program Focuses on Natural Lawn Care

The City of Burien, in conjunction with King County, for the fourth year will be conducting the Natural Yard Care Program for a selected neighborhood. The area selected is the central portion of the City, between SW 136th and SW 140th Streets, and between Ambaum Boulevard and 4th Avenue SW. Sessions are scheduled for April 16, 23 and 30 at Seahurst Elementary, 14603 14th Avenue SW.

The three presentations generally cover water conservation, insect and weed control, use of fertilizers, and general lawn and garden care and maintenance information. The emphasis is on a natural approach to these topics. Although directed to a particular community in the city, the program is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Watch for further details.

Guarantee Your Child a Spectacular Summer

It's never too soon to secure a spot for your child or teen in the City's popular summer Camp Craz or Summer Teen Scene. Weekly sessions begin the week of June 23 and continue through August 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Early morning care is also offered beginning at 6:30 a.m.

CAMP CRAZ is also the only local program that offers families the flexibility of registering for 2-day/week, 3-day/week, or regular 5-day/week options. Registration begins in late March.

For information call (206) 988-3700 or visit burienparks.net.

Burien Foster Parents Needed

Many Burien children are in need of foster care but are moved out of the community due to a critical shortage of foster homes. Take advantage of learning more about what's involved in serving as a foster parent at these informational programs happening at the Burien Community Center on March 12 and April 9, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

For information contact Marilynn Burton at (253) 941-8298 or at fosterliaisonmarilynn@gmail.com.

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and other equipment on Burien's busiest arterial over the past year. Businesses along 1st Avenue have had to suffer through the construction, as access to their stores has at times been challenging for both customers and employees. We hope everyone will continue to support the 1st Avenue South businesses affected by the construction.

When it's all said and done, we believe the community will be glad we went through this difficult and disruptive project. You can get a preview of how nice 1st Avenue South will look without the overhead utilities by looking south from about 156th Street, where most utility poles and lines have already been removed.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

2008 may be the year the Burien community gives a "thumbs up" to build a new Community Recreation Center at the site of the current center, an old and rundown former elementary school at 425 SW 144th St. The proposed center would have all the amenities of modern recreation centers – an indoor pool, walking/jogging track, gymnasium, fitness and weight rooms, banquet hall community room, plus meeting rooms and classrooms. The approval of a bond measure would be required to fund a new center. It would be the first bond issue ever put to the voters by the City of Burien.

NORTH HIGHLINE ANNEXATION

We hope we can resolve the North Highline annexation issue in 2008. We're keeping an eye on legislation in Olympia which can impact annexations.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

We'll be undertaking a thorough redesign of the City of Burien's website in 2008, to make it more user-friendly and give it a fresh look. A recent survey showed us that most of you get your news about the City in this newsletter and only a relatively small number

2008 Burien City Council



The 2008 City Council, standing, from left, Sally Nelson, Councilmember; Gordon Shaw, Councilmember; Kathy Keene, Councilmember. Seated, from left, Joan McGilton, Mayor; Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor; Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember; Sue Blazak, Councilmember.

look to our website for information about City events, programs and services. We hope the redesign will attract more of you to the City website, where you will find fresh information on a daily basis.

BURIEN'S BIRTHDAY

We hope you will join the City Council and City staff at Burien's big 15th birthday party, to be held on March 29, at the Highline High School cafeteria. Our Parks and Recreation staff have been busy planning entertainment and fun activities for the party, where we'll celebrate our 15 years as a City and look ahead to the next exciting 15 years.

With all that's going on in Burien, we're happy to report that we're a City that's clearly on the move.

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